

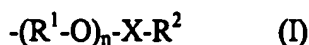
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-5. (Cancelled)

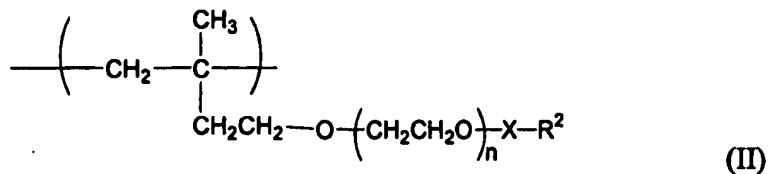
6. (Previously amended) A composition for vibration damper, which comprises 0.01-2 parts by mass a thickener for water-based vibration damper containing a polymer comprising 20-69 mol% an alkali-soluble monomer unit and 0.001-2.0 mol% an associating monomer unit, 10-60 parts by mass an water-based copolymer latex, and 40-90 parts by mass an inorganic filler per 100 parts by mass the solid portion of the composition, wherein the solid portion is in the range of 60-85% by mass of the composition.

7. (Previously presented) A composition for vibration damper according to claim 6, wherein the associating monomer unit possesses in a side chain thereof a group represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R^1 denotes at least one group selected from the group consisting of methylene group, ethylene group, propylene group, and butylene group, n denotes a number in the range of 10-300, X denotes a direct bond, $-C(=O)-$, or $-C(=O)NH-$, and R^2 denotes a hydrocarbon group of 6-30 carbon atoms.

8. (Previously presented) A composition for vibration damper according to claim 7, wherein the associating monomer unit is represented by the following formula (II):



wherein n , X , and R^2 have the same meanings as defined above.